

Annual Report

Town of Orange, N.H.

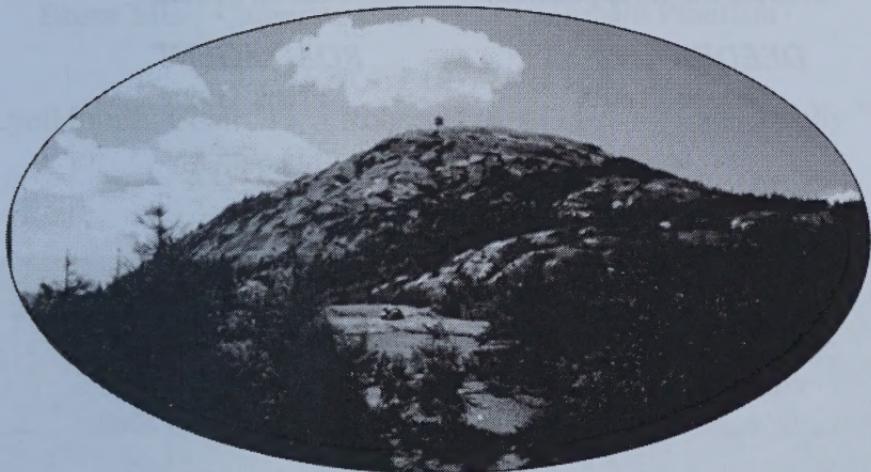
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE OFFICERS
2010



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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Officers of the Town of Orange

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Henry Minasian, Chair '12 Linda Giner '13
David Stacy (appointed) '11

MODERATOR

Daniel Hazelton

TOWN CLERK

Patricia White

TREASURER

Charles Sova (appointed)

TAX COLLECTOR

Sharon Proulx

DEEDING AGENT

Sharon Proulx

ROAD AGENT

Frank Giner

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Charles Sova

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Donald Pffaelin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Jeanne Minasian '13 Edith Sova '11 Louis Shelzi '12

CEMETERY AGENT

Ed Saulen

HEALTH OFFICER

Donald Pffaelin

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Robert Proulx, Chair '12 Scott Sanborn, Vice Chair '13
Tessa Michetti, Secretary '12 Robert Ells '11 Frank Giner '11
Lyell Smith '13 Henry Minasian, Select Board ex officio

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Donald Pfaefflin, Chair Judith Connelly Beverly Ells
Richard Jaeger Dave Stacy, Select Board ex officio

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Nancy Pike '10 Barbara Smith '12 Beth DiFrancesco '14

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Patricia Mercer '12 Anita Watson '13 Donna Makowicz '11

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Brent Stevens

DEPUTY WARDENS

Franklyn Conrad James McAlister

AUDITORS

Bruce Ells Catherine Ells

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Donald Pfaefflin

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Lyell Smith, Chair '13 Robert Proulx '11 Tim Connelly '12
Linda Giner, Select Board ex officio



Cardigan Mountain Road from postcard circa 1922

Cover: Schoolhouse and Town House, Spring 1912

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF ORANGE

WARRANT FOR 2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 8th day of March 2011, at eleven o'clock a.m. for the election of Town Officers as called for in Article 1 below, and voting on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment in Article 2. The polls will open 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. for voting on Articles 1 and 2.

YOU ARE ALSO HEREBY NOTIFIED that the business meeting will be held at the Town House in said Orange at seven o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 2011 to act upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following town officers which appear on the official town ballot for the ensuing year: 1 Selectman – 3 year term, Overseer Public Welfare – 1 year term, Town Clerk – 1 year term, 1 Budget Committee – 3 year term, Treasurer – 1 year term, Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term, Tax Collector – 1 year term 1 Trustee Trust Funds – 3 year term, Deeding Agent – 1 year term, 2 Auditors – 1 year term, Road Agent – 1 year term, Cemetery Agent – 1 year term, 2 Planning Board – 3 year term, 1 Supervisor – Check List –5 year term, and any other officers as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: (By Official Ballot): Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to Article III B. 2. (a) of the Town of Orange Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to include the following:
Note: The recommended article below shows the changes in *italicized* and underlined text.

“Lot size and layout: The minimum area of any lot shall be at least two acres in size, depending on soil and slope conditions as outlined below and as may be suitable to sustain development according

to state standards. Wetland soils that fall within the jurisdiction of the NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau and slope areas that include an incline greater than 25% and an elevation change of greater than 20 feet may not be included in the minimum lot size. The depth of any lot may be no more than four times its frontage except that for a lot which at any point along its length has a width of at least twice the road frontage, the depth of the lot may be 4 times the average of the frontage and the distance of the rear line. Lot depth shall be defined as the distance from the midpoint of the lot at its street frontage to the midpoint of the rear lot boundary. For lots that are accessed by a right of way as allowed in paragraph (c) below, the average lot width and depth, excluding the right-of-way, shall be used for the calculation of the ratio. For other irregular or unique lot shapes or conditions, the Planning Board shall have the authority to interpret this provision for the purpose of determining whether the intent is satisfied."

(RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD)

Paragraph c: *(for reference above)*

(c) Frontage: the minimum lot frontage on any street, lake or river shall be 200 feet. Lots may, however, have less (or no) street frontage if (1) said lots are provided access to a public road by a deeded private right-of-way at least fifty (50) feet in width for a driveway serving not more than two lots; or (2) said lots are located on curves, cul-de-sac or are affected by other such factors that sound planning justifies less frontage.

Currently Article III B. 2. (a) reads:

"Lot size: The minimum area of any lot shall be at least two acres in size, depending on soil and slope conditions, as may be suitable to sustain development according to state standards. Wetland soils and slope areas of an incline greater than 15% may not be included in the minimum lot size. The depth of any lot may be no more than four times its frontage."

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$31,400 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment, said amount to be offset by the Highway Block Grant (estimated to be \$31,400). Said amount to be included into article 18.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 5: Deleted

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to expand general trash pick-up to include town wide curb side general trash pick-up and to include single point recycling pick up on the same day. The general initial cost for the added service is estimated to be equal or slightly less than the 2010 totals for Canaan fee plus Grafton fee plus current North East Trash services costs. (Note: curb-side pick-up for some households remains at end of street as it is now).

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0012 (opened 05/08/2007) for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 2-1)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0015 (opened 06/20/2007) for the purpose of Town House building improvements, said sum to come from the general fund.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital

Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0014 opened 05/08/2007 for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0013 opened 06/26/2007 for the purpose of maintaining Town roads.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 2-1)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid into the Town Document Preservation Capital Reserve Fund #NH-01-0700-0016 opened 05/08/2007 for the purpose of restoring and preserving Town documents.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to conditionally reclassify approximately .6± miles of a currently Class VI (six 6) road known as Tug Mountain Road (from the end of current class V portion to the gate) subject to the betterment assessment and reclassify this as a Class V Road per NH RSA 231:28-33; and if passed, to remain in effect until rescinded. (BY PETITION)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to conditionally reclassify approximately .3± miles of a currently Class VI (six 6) road known as New Colony (from the approximate middle of the Hall property map 3 lot 36 past the Murray property map 3 lot 38b-1 and up to the turn around) ending just before the gated entrance to the state park, subject to the betterment assessment,

and

Vote to conditionally reclassify approximately .2± miles of Class VI (6) road known as Peaslee from the approximate middle of the Drayton property map 3 lot 45 to the Smith property map 3 lot 46 using their property as a turn around and ending there, subject to the betterment assessment,

and

reclassify the above two roads as a Class V Roads per NH RSA 231:28-33; and if passed, to remain in effect until rescinded.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to cover the added expense of maintaining an additional approximate 1.1 miles of roads, (an added expense to general highway maintenance) and add to the budget for the purpose of maintaining those roads added in Articles 12 and 13.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN 2-0)

(NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate four thousand, four hundred and forty-two dollars (\$4,442.00) to pay for recommended increases in wages of all elected and appointed positions as made by the salary committee and recommend these wages to the selectmen, said amount to be included into article 18.

"Copies of the salary committee's report are available for review at the Town office and will also be available the day of the meeting."

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to pay for recommended increases for reimbursing elected and appointed town officials for mileage (at the current federal rate) for travel plus a \$125.00 per day stipend for town related education and training. Approval based upon individual application to the selectmen and evaluated on an as needed case by case basis.

Note: (similar wording was previously passed in article 5 in 2008 that said: for STATE MANDATED education for elected officials of the town; Town Clerk, Moderator, Supervisors of the checklist, and any other department heads required to access the NH State computer banks to function at their job). THERE IS NO STATE MANDATED TRAINING, as worded in that article, makes the application of this article unenforceable by the selectboard. This article stands to correct this technical oversight.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)
(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to pay for reimbursing elected and appointed town officials for mileage only (at the current federal rate) for travel conducted in interest of the town.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN)
(NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$219,334.00 for the ensuing year for general operations.

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

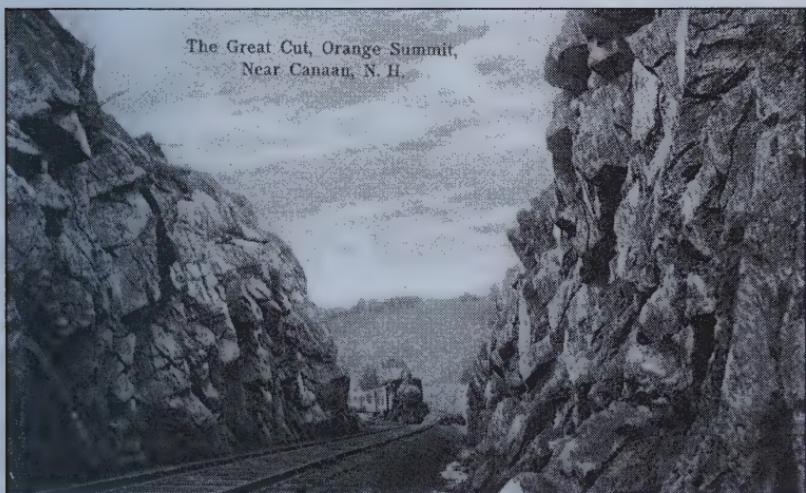
ARTICLE 19: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and to transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN.

Henry Minasian
Chairman

Linda Giner
Vice-Chairman

David Stacy



TOWN BUDGET PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION

	<u>Approp.</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Expended</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Approp.</u> <u>2011</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Officers Salaries	\$13,000.00	\$12,701.00	\$17,400.00
Elections & Registrations	\$1800.00	\$1,156.91	\$800.00
Property Reappraisal	\$1,600.00	\$6,240.00	\$2,500.00
Legal Expense	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
FICA Payments	\$3,000.00	\$2,188.38	\$3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	\$500.00	\$304.89	\$500.00
General Gov't Buildings	\$5,500.00	\$7,315.39	\$6,000.00
Cemeteries	\$2,000.00	\$1,809.00	\$2,000.00
Insurance	\$5,500.00	\$3,234.88	\$3,800.00
Memberships	\$1,000.00	\$395.10	\$1,000.00
Officers Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$5,668.14	\$5,500.00
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police Department	\$16,000.00	\$3,949.81	\$10,000.00
FAST Squad (Canaan)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Fire Department (Canaan)	0.00	0.00	10,984.00
Building Inspection	\$1,000.00	\$668.79	\$1,000.00
Emergency Mgmt. (E911)	\$100.00	0.00	\$300.00
<u>Highway & Streets</u>			
Highway	\$85,000.00	\$84,930.48	\$100,000.00
<u>Sanitation</u>			
Trash Collection	\$28,000.00	\$28,947.36	\$29,000.00
<u>Health</u>			
Health Agencies	\$3,000.00	\$2,094.99	\$3,300.00
<u>Welfare</u>			
Direct Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$187.00	\$3,000.00
<u>Culture & Recreation</u>			
Library	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Other	\$350.00	0.00	\$350.00
<u>Conservation</u>			
Timber Harvest Monitor	\$400.00	0.00	\$400.00
Conservation Commission	\$500.00	\$259.95	\$500.00
<u>Capital Outlay</u>			
Town House	\$4,500.00	\$2,467.00	\$4,500.00
<u>Operating Budget Totals</u>	\$190,750.00	\$174,019.07	\$219,334.00

Capital Reserve Funds

Revaluation	0.00	\$14,443.00	\$1,000.00
Town House	0.00	\$2,497.50	\$2,000.00
Highway Equipment	0.00	0.00	\$1,000.00
Document Preservation	0.00	0.00	\$500.00
Town Road Improvement	0.00	0.00	\$1,000.00
<u>Totals</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$16,940.50</u>	<u>\$5,500.00</u>

SOURCE OF REVENUE

	Estimated 2010	Actual 2010	Estimated 2011
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Taxes

Land Use Change Tax	\$2,500.00	\$3,049.44	0.00
Yield Tax	\$2,000.00	\$1,486.62	\$1,000.00

Interest & Penalties

Delinquent Taxes	\$4,000.00	\$14,523.04	\$5,000.00
Inventory Penalties	\$250.00	\$710.00	\$500.00

Licenses, Permits & Fees

UCC	0.00	\$60.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$45,000.00	\$46,827.00	\$45,000.00
Building Permits	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$200.00
Other Licenses & Permits	\$600.00	\$854.00	\$600.00

From Federal Govt.

FEMA & Other	0.00	\$17,140.00	0.00
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From State

Shared Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rooms & Meals Tax Dist.	\$12,000.00	0.00	0.00
Highway Block Grant	\$31,537.76	\$45,203.00	\$31,400.18
State/Fed. Forest Reimb.	\$6,500.00	\$4,775.00	\$4,500.00
Other		\$27.00	0.00

Miscellaneous Revenues

Interest on Investments	\$400.00	\$320.00	\$250.00
Municipal Fees	\$200.00	0.00	0.00
Amts. voted from Fund Bal.		\$13,900.00	
<i>Total Estimated Revenue and Credits</i>	<i>\$105,187.76</i>	<i>\$149,225.10</i>	<i>\$88,450.18</i>

TOWN OF ORANGE

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET

	Recommended by Selectboard	Recommended by Budget Committee	Difference
Operating Budget	244,984.00	219,334.00	-25,650.00
Special Warrant Articles	6,500.00	5,500.00	-1,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-6,500.00</u>
Totals for 2011	259,484.00	226,334.00	-33,150.00
Appropriations for 2010	- <u>190,750.00</u>	- <u>190,750.00</u>	
Increase over 2010	68,734.00	35,584.00	
Percent Increase over 2010	36%	19%	

Budget Committee Recommendations That Impact The 2011 Budget

5 Major Increases

Town Officers' Salaries	4,400.00
Fire Protection (Canaan)	10,984.00
Legal Expense	3,000.00
Highways	15,000.00
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>5,500.00</u>
	+38,884.00

1 Major Decrease

Police	- 6,000.00
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(There are several other minor increases and decreases that also impact the bottom line figure.)

*Respectfully Submitted,
Orange Budget Committee*

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2010

STARTING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2010 \$155,858.58

RECEIPTS FROM BANK:

Funds Borrowed from Line of Credit	\$115,000.00
Total	\$115,000.00

RECEIPTS FROM SELECTMEN:

Driveway Permit	\$20.00
FP Pole lease	\$10.00
Intent to Cut	\$10.00
Building/Driveway Permits	\$350.00
Pistol Permits	\$30.00
Copies	\$52.00
Curb Cut Fee	\$225.00
Current Use Charge	\$17.44
Total	\$714.44

RECEIPTS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS:

Highway Block Grants	\$45,202.99
State of NH-Vegetative Debris	\$1,687.34
Forest Land Reimbursement	\$4,774.79
FEMA	\$15,452.77
Total	\$67,117.89

RECEIPTS FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

2010 Property Taxes	\$475,184.82
2009 Property Taxes	\$69,892.91
2009 Property Tax Interest	\$3,843.13
2009 Costs	\$634.00
Current Use 2010	\$1,792.00
Current Use 2009	\$1,250.00
Current Use Fees	\$7.44
Yield Tax 2010	\$1,486.62
2007 Redeemed Tax Liens	\$23,075.89

2007 Interest & Costs	\$8,846.24
2008 Redeemed Liens	\$6,483.31
2008 Interest & Costs	\$1,062.00
2009 Redeemed Liens	\$3,651.93
2009 Interest & Costs	\$135.65
Overpayment	\$66.38
Total	\$597,412.32

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN CLERK:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$46,827.00
Motor Vehicle Titles	\$90.00
Municipal Fees	\$772.00
Dog Licenses	\$378.00
Kennel Permit	\$20.00
Voter Lists	\$25.00
UCC permit	\$60.00
Birth Certificate	\$28.00
Overdraft	\$50.00
Copies	\$5.00
Penalty	\$2.00
Dog Penalty	\$18.00
Filing Fee	\$2.00
Deed Copy	\$1.50
Total	\$48,278.50

RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES:

Planning Board Filing Fees	\$331.87
ZBA Filing Fees	\$114.51
Trustee of Trust Funds Transfers	\$16,940.50
Interest	\$320.35
Unknown Deposit	\$2.00
Total	\$17,709.23

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2010 \$846,232.38

Payment Principal on Tax Anticipation Note	\$115,000.00
Payment of Trustee of Trust Funds Withdrawals	\$16,940.50
Payment of Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	\$315.67
Payments by Voucher Orders from Selectmen	\$612,630.46
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR 2010	\$744,886.63

CASH ON HAND YEAR END 2010 \$257,204.33

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Sova, Treasurer

A List of the Rateable Estate on the Road Tax - 1792.		
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Rev. James Bullock	2:14:2	2:0:8
Nathan Waldo Esq	2:3:0	1:12:4
Samuel Bagley	1:9:9	1:2:5
Parrot Blaiford	0:10:10	0:0:2
Capt. Nath. Briggs	0:16:11	0:12:9
Jonathan Hoyt	2:6:0	1:15:7
Jabez, D. Barney	1:8:7	1:1:6
Enoch Sweet	1:2:1	0:16:0
John sweet	0:14:8	0:10:9
Enoch sweet Jr	0:19:0	0:14:10
Valentine Sweet	0:10:6	0:7:10
Nathan Waldo Jr	0:11:	0:8:3
Alexander Pigot	0:12:6	0:9:5

County tax bill 1792 (Financial figures are in English pounds)

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2010

DEBITS:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Uncollected Taxes</u>		
Property Taxes		69,892.94
Land Use Change		1257.44
<u>Taxes Committed This Year</u>		
Property Taxes	561,168.96	
Land Use Change	1792.00	
Yield Taxes	2606.49	
<u>Overpayment Refunds:</u>		
Property Taxes		66.38
Interest-Late Tax	2.02	4,477.13
TOTAL DEBITS	\$565,569.47	\$75,693.89
 CREDITS:		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	475,182.80	69,892.94
Land Use Change	1792.00	1,257.44
Yield Taxes	1486.62	
Interest – (includes lien conversion) Lein Conversion)	2.02	4477.13
Discounts Allowed	13,320.94	
Abatements Made	3436.53	
Overpayments		66.38
 <u>Uncollected Taxes-End of Year</u>		
Property Taxes	69,228.69	
Yield Taxes	1119.87	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$565,569.47	\$75,693.89

DEBITS:

Levies of:	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Unredeemed Liens Balance			
Beginning of Year	0.00	27,967.09	25,796.60
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	34,975.77		
Interest & Costs Collected	135.65	1062.00	8846.24
TOTAL DEBITS	\$35,111.42	29,029.09	34,642.84

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Redemptions	3651.93	6,483.31	23,075.89
Interest & Costs Collected	135.65	1062.00	8,846.24
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of Year	31,323.84	21,483.78	2,720.71
TOTAL CREDITS	\$35,111.42	\$29,029.09	\$34,642.84

*Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector**Town of Orange**John H. French**Tax Collector 1895*

*French was born in Orange
in 1829, lived there his
entire life, and died in
Orange in 1912. At various
times he also held the
positions of Town Clerk,
Selectman, and Treasurer.*



COMMON TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERIES

	<u>12/31/09</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>12/31/10</u>
Hannah M. French	\$1,064.94	2.93	\$1,067.87
Jennie M. French	1,379.32	3.64	1,382.96
Arthur Briggs	502.67	0.00	502.67
Clara Huse	464.20	0.00	464.20
Asa Hoyt	476.89	0.00	476.89
Harry Eastman	1,296.02	3.57	1,299.59
Abbie Fellows	1,458.60	3.65	1,462.25
Adoniram Ford	1,487.56	3.65	1,491.21
Charles Ford	1,548.07	3.65	1,551.72
Lyman Batchelder	474.91	0.00	474.91

(There were no withdrawals from the above ten cemetery trusts.)

KILTON FUND

Dec. 31, 2009: \$12,184.43.00, interest: \$25.49, Dec. 31, 2010: \$12,209.92
(There were no withdrawals from the Kilton Fund.)

CAPITAL RESERVES

Highway Equipment:

Dec. 31, 2009: \$3,663.77, interest: \$7.63, balance Dec. 31, 2010: \$3671.40

Town Road Improvement:

Dec. 31, 2009: \$10,803.01, interest: \$22.46, balance Dec. 31, 2010: \$10,825.47

Revaluation:

Dec. 31, 2009: \$23,652.59, interest: \$38.64, withdrawn: \$14,443.00,
balance Dec. 31, 2010: \$9,248.23

Town House:

Dec. 31, 2009: \$7,432.98, interest: \$14.26, withdrawn: \$2,497.50,
balance Dec. 31, 2010: \$4,949.74

Town Document Preservation:

Dec. 31, 2009: \$1,289.60, interest: \$3.55, balance Dec. 31, 2010: \$1,293.15

Land & Conservation:

Dec. 31, 2009: \$8,273.46, interest: 17.09, balance Dec. 31, 2010: \$8,290.55

Cemeteries:	\$10,174.27
Kilton Fund:	12,209.92
Capital Reserves:	38,278.54
<i>Grand Total:</i>	<i>\$60,662.73</i>

*Respectfully submitted by Trustees of Trust Funds
Edith Sova, Jeanne Minasian, Louis Shelzi*

ORANGE TOWN CLERK REPORT 2010

439 Automobiles Registered	\$46,831.00
46 Automobile Titles	92.00
384 MA Fees	768.00
2 Kennel Licenses	45.00
50 Dog Licenses	353.00
Overdraft Fees	50.00
Voting List	25.00
Copies	11.50
3 Birth Certificates	28.00
UCC Fees	60.00
Dog Penalties	18.00
OD Repay	141.00
Filing Fee	2.00
Total	\$48,424.50

2010 VALUATION DATA

Parcels of land in Orange: 284

Total acreage: 15,093.62

Land value: \$12,705,083.00

Improvements value: \$19,967,800.00

Total Orange valuation: \$32,672,883.00

<u>Tax rate per \$1000 valuation:</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Municipal portion:	\$4.05	\$2.21
Mascoma School District portion:	11.92	13.33
State School portion:	2.12	2.49
County portion:	1.44	1.49
<i>Total tax rate:</i>	<i>19.53</i>	<i>19.52</i>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS

SALARIES

Connelly, Tim (Budget Comm. stipend)	\$100.00
DiFrancesco, Beth Supervisor check list (stipend)	\$50.00
Ells, Bruce (auditor)	\$120.00
Ells, Catherine (auditor)	\$120.00
Giner, Linda (selectmen's stipend)	\$1,500.00
Hazelton, Dan (election official)	\$150.00
Mercer, Patricia	\$375.00
Minasian, Henry (selectmen's stipend)	\$1,500.00
Minasian, Jeanne (Trustee trust fund stipend)	\$100.00
Pierson, Sandi (selectmen's secretary)	\$2,103.00
Pike, Nancy Supervisor check list (stipend)	\$50.00
Proulx, Robert (Budget Comm. stipend)	\$100.00
Proulx, Sharon, Tax Collector (stipend)	\$1,200.00
Seace, Sophie (clerk hours)	\$320.00
Shelzi, Louis (Trustee Trust Fund stipend)	\$100.00
Smith, Barbara, Supervisor check list (stipend)	\$50.00
Smith, Lyell (Budget Comm. stipend)	\$100.00
Sova, Charlie, Treasurer (stipend)	\$1,000.00
Sova, Eidth (Trustee trust fund stipend)	\$100.00
Stacy, David (selectmen's stipend)	\$1,380.00
White Patricia, Clerk (stipend)	\$900.00
White, Patricia (clerk hours)	\$863.00
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	\$12,281.00

ELECTIONS

DiFrancesco, Beth (election official)	\$50.00
DiFrancesco, Beth (election official)	\$50.00
DiFrancesco, Beth (election)	\$50.00
Ells, Beverly (election)	\$50.00
Fulton, William (election)	\$50.00
Giner, Linda (election official)	\$50.00
Giner, Linda (election official)	\$50.00
Hamel Gary (election official)	\$50.00
Hamel, Gary (election official)	\$50.00
Hamel, Gary (election)	\$50.00
Hazelton, Dan (election official)	\$75.00

Hazelton, Dan (election official)	\$75.00
Hazelton, Emily (election official)	\$50.00
Mercer, Patricia (election)	\$50.00
Minasian, Henry (election official)	\$50.00
Minasian, Henry (election official)	\$50.00
Minasian, Henry (election official)	\$50.00
Minasian, Henry (election)	\$50.00
Pike, Nancy (election official)	\$50.00
Pike, Nancy (election official)	\$50.00
Shelzi, Mary Ellen (election official)	\$50.00
Smith Barbara (office supplies)	\$40.00
Smith, Barbara (election official)	\$50.00
Smith, Barbara (election official)	\$50.00
Smith, Barbara (election postage)	\$7.17
Smith, Barbara (election)	\$50.00
Sova, Edith (election)	\$50.00
Stacy, David (election official)	\$50.00
Target Community Publications Election ad)	\$68.00
Valley News (election notice)	\$9.75
Valley News (election notice)	\$9.75
Valley News (election notice)	\$12.49
Valley News (notice sup. Check list vote)	\$9.75
White, Patricia (election official)	\$50.00
White, Patricia (election official)	\$50.00
White, Patricia (election official)	\$50.00
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	\$1,656.91

ABATEMENTS \$0.00

REVALUATION
Assessing Software \$6,240.00

LEGAL
Gardner, Fulton, Waugh (legal retainer) \$2,000.00

FICA
Department of the Treasury-IRS \$2,188.38

PLANNING & ZONING

Valley News	\$107.25
Proulx, Robert (postage)	\$85.40
Proulx, Robert (planning board expenses 6mo)	\$112.24
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	\$304.89

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Cardigan Mountain Art Assoc.	\$75.00
Haness, Rosemary	\$9.95
NH Conversation Commission	\$175.00
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	\$259.95

TOWN HOUSE

Butterfield, Joe	\$225.00
Canaan Hardware	\$7.35
Carpet Mill USA, Inc.	\$50.00
Defiance Electric (TH fire alarm repair)	\$433.76
Fair Point Communications	\$918.07
Ferguson Waterworks	\$545.05
Giner, Frank (ice melt)	\$6.75
Hamel, Gary (document preservation)	\$300.00
Hanover, Town of (fire alarm monitoring)	\$450.00
NH Electric Co-op	\$1,387.29
Pierson, Sandi (Folder frames)	\$19.50
Pierson, Sandi (office supplies)	\$81.99
White, Patricia (Reg. titles, dogs & mileage)	\$83.50
Young Propane (TH propane for heater repair)	\$35.95
Youngs Propane	\$2,771.10
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	\$7,315.31

CEMETERY

Saulen, Ed	\$1,310.00
Joe's Equipment (lawn mower)	\$499.00
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	\$1,809.00

INSURANCE

Primex (town liability ins)	\$3,234.88
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MEMBERSHIP

NH Tax Collectoras Assoc. (membership)	\$20.00
UVLSRPC	\$375.10
	\$395.10

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

Avitar Associates (assessment consult)	\$150.00
DiFrancesco, Beth expenses)	\$146.50
Elliott, Carol (mortgagee search)	\$170.00
Giner, L:inda (postage)	\$10.04
Giner, Linda (office supplies)	\$27.06
Gnomon Copy	\$463.98
Grafton County Registry of Deeds	\$166.16
IDS (animal tags)	\$73.24
IDS (dog tags)	\$55.33
Local Government Center (work shop) P.M.	\$20.00
Mercer, Patricia	\$12.62
Minasian, Henry (office expenses)	\$54.30
Minasian, Henry (postage, software, keys)	\$113.27
NH City & Towns Clerks Asssc.	\$20.00
NH Dept. of State Vital Records	\$18.00
NH Health Officers	\$30.00
NHCTCA / Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Region	\$35.00
Pierson, Sandi (office supplies)	\$264.74
Price Digest	\$69.95
Proulx, Robert (expenses)	\$280.50
Proulx, Sharon (tax deed & lien notices)	\$158.10
Proulx, Sharon (certified mailings)	\$45.90
Proulx, Sharon (tax collector fees)	\$648.00
Proulx, Sharon (tax collector workshop)	\$50.00
Proulx, Sharon expenses)	\$71.96
Quill (paper products)	\$349.78
Smith Barbara (supplies)	\$4.99
Smith, Barbara postage check list	\$4.84
Sova, Charlie (office postage)	\$88.00
Sova, Charlie (office supplies)	\$317.17
Sova, Charlie (Quick Books)	\$256.31
Stacy, David (fuses & light bulbs)	\$19.37

Treasurer, State of NH	\$142.50
USPS	\$100.00
Valley News (notices)	\$31.69
White, Patricia (clerk fees)	\$565.05
White, Patricia (expenses)	\$509.87
White, Patricia (postage)	<u>\$44.00</u>
	\$5,588.22

POLICE

Ware, Andy January	\$2,723.42
Ware, Andy February	<u>\$1,226.39</u>
	\$3,949.81

CANAAN AMBULANCE - FAST SQUAD

Canaan F.A.S.T. Inc.	\$3,500.00
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CANAAN FIRE DEPT.

Canaan Fire service prepaid (paid in 2009)	\$0.00
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BUILDING INSPECTOR

Donald Pfafflin	<u>\$668.79</u>
	\$668.79

HIGHWAY: WINTER

Canaan Hardware (oils for chainsaw)	\$17.45
Dyers Welding	\$98.00
Evans Motor Fuels (gas for town truck)	\$111.28
Flanders & Patch (truck service)	\$561.60
Giner, Frank (ice melt)	\$228.00
Giner, Frank (winter maintenance)	\$312.00
Remacle, Richard (winter maintenance)	\$37,549.00
State of NH Dept. of Corrections (hwy signs)	\$54.55
White, George (winter maintenance)	<u>\$871.00</u>
	\$39,802.88

HIGHWAY: SUMMER

Black Top Asphalt & Paving Co. (cold patch)	\$181.44
Canaan Hardware	\$43.43
Dyer's Welding & Fabricating (P&L york rake)	\$1,301.81
Evans Motor Fuels (gas for town truck)	\$1,071.96
Evans Tree Service	\$700.00
Gateway Motors Inc. (truck repair-fire)	\$1,541.70
Giner Frank (materials)	\$125.00
Giner, Frank ("A" frame for york rake)	\$1,000.00
Giner, Frank (hours)	\$4,565.95
Kibby Equipment	\$398.75
Mascoma Auto Inc.	\$39.00
NH Correctional Ind. (road signs)	\$550.19
Pike Industries	\$3,434.64
Razor Hill Construction (gravel for town roads)	\$5,500.00
Remacle, Richard Construction	\$24,360.46
State of NH Dept. of Corrections	\$48.00
Top Notch Tree Experts	\$175.00
Treasurer, State of NH	\$90.27
Winter =	<u>\$45,127.60</u>
(Total Highway Winter & Summer =	<u>\$84,930.48</u>

RUBBISH DISPOSAL

North East Waste Services (trash pick-up)	\$24,347.36
Plymouth W&S District	\$100.00
Town of Canaan (recycling service)	\$3,000.00
Town of Grafton (recycling service)	\$1,500.00
	<u>\$28,947.36</u>

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin	\$439.99
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	\$300.00
NH Health Officers Assoc.	\$25.00
NH health officers Assoc. (conference)	\$30.00
Visiting Nurses Association	<u>\$1,300.00</u>
	<u>\$2,094.99</u>

ADMIN. & WELFARE

Tri-County Cap	\$187.00
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CANAAN LIBRARY

Library usage contribution	\$4,000.00
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TIMBER HARVEST MONITOR

Monitor timber cutting	\$0.00
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CAPITOL OUTLAY TOWN HOUSE

Cut trees and add french drain to perimeter	\$2,467.00
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FEMA (summary)

Funds returned to the general fund in 2010 for projects received in 2006 & 07 & 09	\$55,780.46
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Receipts for 2010	\$17,140.11
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FEMA monies expended all projects in 2010	\$6,140.11
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Remaining funds encumbered into 2011	\$11,000.00
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MVRSD

Mascoma Valley Regional School District	\$344,250.16
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GRAFTON COUNTY SCHOOL TAX

Grafton County Treasurer (county tax)	\$43,236.00
Total cost of schools to the town	\$387,486.16

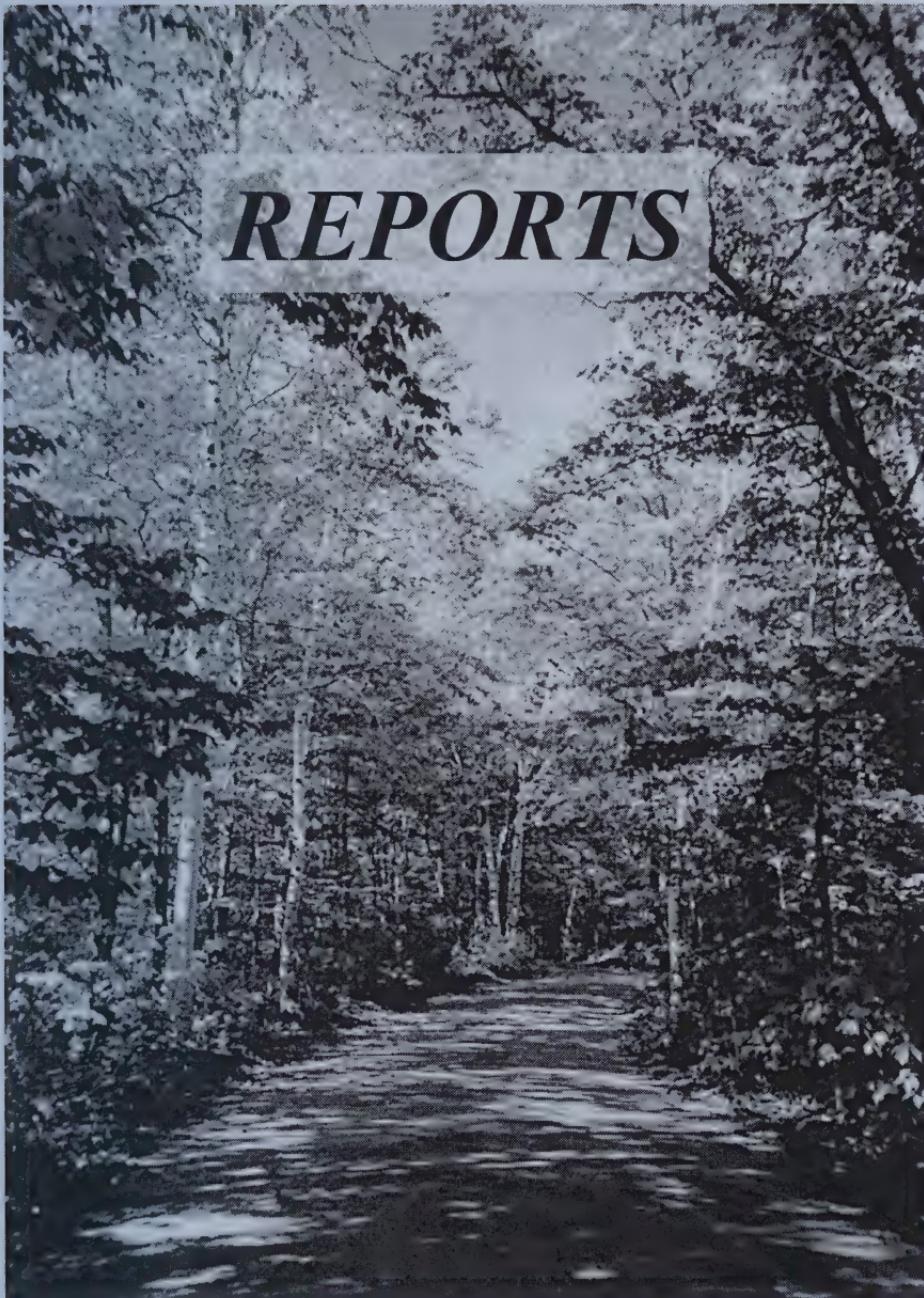
Town of Orange Tax Collector liens	\$34,975.77
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Credit from Town of Orange Tax Collector liens	(\$34,975.77)
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NH TAX ADMINISTRATION GRANT

Balance carried over	\$964.52
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Total expended in 2010 : \$561,505.23



REPORTS

Burnt Hill Road

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Another year has gone by along with the first decade of the 21st Century! The Town of Orange continues to be a desired location for families to live, work and play. During the year, your Select Board has been working hard to maintain a quality of life that endears those of us who reside here to see a bright future with managed growth. Although growth has its challenges, without it the Town could be in jeopardy to survive. The Board has faced challenges as well and continues to work at overcoming the hurdles and moving the Town forward in a positive direction.

This economy has found balancing numbers to needs a challenge, but overall the Town operated within the budget voted on by the people. I believe that the town, like every other governing body in this country and across the globe, will find it difficult to provide the level of services that people have come to expect without an escalation of expenses for those costs. That will be the challenge that this Board and the Boards of the future will struggle to solve. Our Federal Government needs to find ways to stop spending, reduce the deficit, and not pass on so much of the expense to the taxpayer.

This Board, having two new members, has worked well as a group, demonstrating mutual respect for the ideas and suggestions of not only each other, but anyone who comes before the Board. It is the intent of the Board to build mutual trust and respect between it and the people who have placed us in office.

Several things have occurred that we would like to share:

- There was a conscious decision to try and encourage citizen participation in the Selectmen's Meeting by moving the meetings to a larger space and starting them at 7PM. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Town House.
- An e-mail address was established, which is townoforangenh@gmail.com. This enables you to communicate via e-mail and also receive information such as special meeting notices, etc.
- The Town House has had the floors refinished by Chad Michetti, a resident who owns The Sandman Inc.

- Damages from a power surge to the building were completed at minimal costs to the town. Such items were heaters, fire alarm system and general lighting, a surge protector power strip and outside rear motion sensor.
- New drainage was installed around the foundation of the Town House to direct water flow away from the building. Several trees that were in danger of falling towards the building were removed, chipped and a wider handicapped parking area was created as a result. This project was done by the Road Agent.
- First half of the Town's commitment to FEMA was completed and acknowledged by FEMA.
- Police protection for the Town is now handled by the New Hampshire State Police.

As we move forward into the year 2011, we are hoping that more people will occasionally attend a meeting or provide e-mail addresses to the town so that we can inform you of meetings, hearings along with encouraging open and professional communication between you the residents and the Town Officers. We also would like to see a web-site so that residents can find information about the Town and upcoming events that occur outside of the routine meetings. Thank you for putting your faith and trust in us, we are here for YOU!

Respectfully submitted,

Select Board

*Henry Minasian Linda J. Giner David Stacy
Chairman Vice Chair*



Mount Cardigan Road

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board had another productive year in 2010. In January, the Board reviewed the application from Henry and Jeanne Minasian to erect a high speed internet antenna on their property on Tuttle Hill Road. After a comprehensive review, the Board developed a set of recommendations which was presented at the public hearing held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on January 30. The ZBA voted unanimously to grant a special exception for the antenna. This was the first opportunity for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment to implement the Telecommunications Facility Ordinance which had been adopted by the voters in March, 2000.

At the March 9 town election, Scott Sanborn and Lyell Smith were elected to three-year terms, and Robert Ells was elected to the one-year term. The Board met on March 23 to organize, and the following were elected as officers for one year: Robert Proulx as Chair, Scott Sanborn as Vice Chair, and Tessa Michetti as Secretary. In May, the Board finalized the update of the 2010-11 Orange Informational Directory which lists town officials, meeting times, office hours, and other important information about the recycling center, curbside pickup, and driveway and building permits. The Directory was mailed to all residents as well as non-resident and seasonal homeowners.

In June, the Board reviewed and approved, after a public hearing, the application of Janet Pedersen and Bruce Murray for a minor subdivision of their property on Tug Mountain Road. This resulted in the 4.79 acre parcel being subdivided into two lots; Lot 1 with 2.39 acres and Lot 2 with 2.40 acres. In August, the Board reviewed and approved, after a public hearing, the application of Edward and Adele Brody for a minor subdivision of their property on Tuttle Hill Road. This resulted in the 32.37 acre parcel being subdivided into two lots; Lot 17A-1 containing the home and 5.27 acres, and Lot 17A-2 containing 27.1 acres.

Beginning in August and continuing for the next four months, the Board members devoted most of their meetings to the research and development of a comprehensive set of driveway regulations. The primary purpose of these regulations is to promote the planned and safe

growth of the undeveloped areas of the town, and to provide a clear procedure and line of authority for the submission and approval of driveway permits. This project, led by Vice Chairman Scott Sanborn, resulted in the proposed set of driveway regulations being reviewed and discussed at a public hearing on January 18. Based on the comments and suggestions received at the public hearing, the Board will make minor modifications in the regulations and officially adopt them within the next two months.

In December, the Board reviewed a suggested amendment to the Orange Zoning Ordinance regarding Article III B.2.(a). After a thorough review of the suggested change, the Board voted to present the proposed amendment at the same public hearing on January 18. As a result of the response at the hearing, the Board voted to place the proposed amendment on the warrant, and it will be voted on by official ballot at the 2011 Town Meeting. This amendment is designed to be more consistent with sound planning and the practical application of the permitted uses within the Town, to be more consistent with the stated purposes within said section, and to more clearly define certain provisions within said section.

The **current** Article III B.2.(a) reads as follows:

“Lot size: The minimum area of any lot shall be at least two acres in size, depending on soil and slope conditions, as may be suitable to sustain development according to state standards. Wetland soils and slope areas of an incline greater than 15 percent may not be included in the minimum lot size. The depth of any lot may be no more than four times its frontage.”

The **recommended** Article III B.2.(a) reads as follows:

“Lot size and layout: The minimum area of any lot shall be at least two acres in size, depending on soil and slope conditions as outlined below and as may be suitable to sustain development according to state standards. Wetland soils that fall within the jurisdiction of the NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau and slope areas that include an incline greater than 25 percent and an elevation change of greater than 20 feet may not be included in the minimum lot size. The depth of any lot may be no more than four times its frontage except that for a lot which at any point along its length has a width of at least twice the road frontage, the depth of the lot may be 4 times the average of the frontage and the distance of the rear line. Lot depth shall be defined as

the distance from the midpoint of the lot at its street frontage to the midpoint of the rear lot boundary. For lots that are accessed by a right-of-way as allowed in paragraph (c) below, the average lot width and depth, excluding the right-of-way, shall be used for the calculation of the ratio. For other irregular or unique lot shapes or conditions, the Planning Board shall have the authority to interpret this provision for the purpose of determining whether the intent is satisfied.”

The rationale for recommending this change includes the following points:

- The Town of Orange is predominantly hilly and mountainous. This provision as presently defined restricts “average” properties from subdivision densities that would be considered by most to be a reasonable use of rural residential lands, and consistent with the general purpose of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Slopes between 15% and 25% are indeed suitable to sustain residential development. NHDES does not exclude slopes from their minimum lot sizes until they reach 35%, and only modest factors are added to their minimum lot sizes for slopes between 15% and 25%. So their standards are still being not just met, but exceeded.
- Significant erosion (except for more intense site development which is typically controlled under Site Plan Review) is unlikely to occur on slopes under 25%.
- The provision for the elevation change of greater than 20 feet is to clarify the definition in keeping with the presumed intention of the ordinance to apply to larger areas prone to erosion, and to create a mapping/calculation standard (and is consistent with most other towns’ similar ordinances).
- Having reviewed a number of recent subdivisions that have been impacted by the slope provision, the lot boundaries often have to be modified in a manner that is inconsistent with a reasonable and logical layout in order to “capture” slopes less than 15% even when there are suitable areas far exceeding state standards for sewage disposal and residential development elsewhere on the lots.
- The depth to width changes are suggested in order to better define the provision, and to allow a reasonable application of

the provision to non-rectangular lots or lots served by a right-of-way strip as allowed elsewhere within the ordinance.

The Planning Board was established by the voters at the 1971 Town Meeting. In 1976, Bob Ells was first appointed to serve on the Board and has served nearly continuously for the past thirty-five years. Over those three and a half decades, Bob has led the Planning Board as its Chairman for many of those years. This year, Bob will be stepping down with the distinction of being the longest serving member in the history of the Orange Planning Board. Bob brought to the Board a wealth of experience and expertise, a unique historical perspective of our community, and a spirit of cooperation and fairness. He contributed his sound judgment and common sense to all Board deliberations. He always supported what was in the best interest of our entire community. We extend our deep gratitude to Bob for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Orange.

Again, I would like to thank all the members of the Planning Board for their commitment to our town. We again thank the citizens of Orange for your interest and support, and invite you to continue to preserve our community's vision for the future as stated in the 2004 Master Plan:

"Over the next ten years, Orange should remain a rural residential community with a small town atmosphere, protecting its natural and historical resources, preserving its scenic beauty and rural character, sustaining its uncrowded and quiet living conditions, and maintaining those special qualities that make Orange a desirable place to live."

*Respectfully submitted,
Robert Proulx, Chairman*

REPORT FROM THE ROAD AGENT

Like most towns and governing bodies, the year 2010 brought significant challenges with regards to funding. Our Highway budget was reduced from the prior years, which made it difficult for the Road Agent to do much of the routine maintenance that is done on a yearly basis.

In June, after a Public Hearing with FEMA, the Select board voted to complete several projects that were not done according to the contract, therefore it was agreed that it would better serve the Town to complete those projects within a timeline set by FEMA, rather than return those funds. At this time the Road Agent was asked to complete Phase I, which meant some dollars earmarked for road maintenance would need to be spent elsewhere. The Town has received a letter of acceptance from FEMA that Phase I was completed as agreed. A mild winter and dry summer made it possible to do the work and still allowed for some road maintenance to occur. Phase II of the agreement will be finished this spring; this will complete all required FEMA work and leave us in good standing.

Although work on town roads was limited, some improvements were made. A spring in the middle of the road on Burnt Hill, along with one on Tuttle Hill Road were excavated and moved to the curb. Gray Stone was spread on hills to improve traction and correct some water problems. Gravel was spread on select spots on Cross Rd., Williams Rd., Tuttle Hill, and Burnt Hill. This year, I hope to add more gravel and Grey Stone to these roads where needed.

Tuttle Hill Rd from Mr. Mayot's to the Grafton Town Line needs trenching and gravel, culvert pipes needs to be cleaned, and line of sites cleared for safety. Cross Road, which is a major in and out access for people of the town, will get trenching, grading and gravel as long as monies hold out.

The Town House got a new look! We were able to remove a few trees that were leaning towards the Town House. The wood chips were used to stabilize the bank and cover the exposed roots of remaining trees. A curtain drain was dug 4 feet deep, pipe and stone was used to fill the trench to relieve water coming out of the bank and into the foundation. While accomplishing this project, the Handicap Parking Area was

doubled to 2 spaces; brush cut and cleaned, wood chips were spread along with some seeding.

I would like to thank Bob and Sharon Proulx who battled attacks of black flies for 2 days and cleaned the flowerbeds in the front of the Town House. They not only battled the flies but the heat as well. THANK YOU BOB AND SHARON FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

I would also like to thank Don Pfafflin and Dana Rose for volunteering in cleaning up the dead wood and brush along the roads.

I hope that my 40 years as a licensed contractor and road builder have been an asset to the town. It has been a pleasure to work for you! I can only repair with limited resources the things that I'm aware of. Please feel free to contact your Selectmen or me if you have questions or concerns, so that I can look into what can be done.

I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to our contractors and suppliers. Richard Remacle Construction of Canaan and Razor Hill Construction of Grafton have made my job much easier and enjoyable. It is a pleasure to work with talented people.

As I conclude, winter of 2011 has been challenging, long, costly, and trying on our small budget. I will attempt to stretch your tax dollar as far as possible while keeping the roads as safe as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Giner, Road Agent



Charles A. Ford

Ford owned the first automobile in the town of Orange

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2010

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

This past fire season had a slightly lower number of fires, as well as lower number of acres burned than the five year average. What made this fire season somewhat unusual was that it lasted most of the summer. New Hampshire typically has a fairly active spring fire season and then the summer rains tend to dampen fire activity later in the season. This year virtually all areas of the state had fires throughout the summer due to the periodic dry spells throughout the season. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of the sixteen fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The tower fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. The largest fire for the season was 10.3 acres in Charlestown. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildlands fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2010 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and

gutters clean of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smoky the Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being wise and fire safe!

*2010 FIRE STATISTICS BY COUNTY
(fires reported as of November 2010)*

Belknap: 5 acres, 8 fires; Carroll: 1 acre, 38 fires; Cheshire: 33 acres, 33 fires; Coos: 1 acre, 8 fires; Grafton: 13 acres, 36 fires; Hillsborough: 21 acres, 101 fires; Merrimack: 20 acres, 73 fires; Rockingham: 18 acres, 43 fires; Strafford: 16 acres, 9 fires, Sullivan: 17 acres, 11 fires.

Causes of 2010 fires: arson: 3; debris: 146; campfire: 35; children: 13; smoking: 13; railroad: 0; equipment: 18; lightning: 4; misc: 128 (power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
2010	360	145
2009	334	173
2008	455	175
2007	437	212
2006	500	473



Charles A. Ford built the original Cardigan Mountain fire tower in 1904. Ford carried supplies up with his horse.

REPORT OF THE ORANGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Our first meeting this year was held on February 16, 2010. Gary Hamel reported on the historical research he had done on Elisha Payne, Nathan Waldo, and Nathan Waldo, Jr. , and shared the chronologies of these original proprietors. Possible grants were discussed to support Gary's plans for future historical panels. A number of members were interested in locating some of the historical sites in town by planning field trips for interested residents.

It was voted to install a brass plaque recognizing David Johnson's work in designing and constructing the very functional and attractive casework for displaying the panels. The plaque honoring Dave was unveiled at the 2010 Town Meeting.

While this has been a quiet year for the Commission, Gary has been extremely busy and productive researching, collecting, and recording the history of Orange. One of the most impressive discoveries was a large collection of town records that had been stored in a wooden trunk in a local barn for many years. This valuable collection includes over 3000 documents dating from 1777 – 1888. It was common practice for the early town officers to work from home and store the town records at their residence. The trunk contained approximately 150 vital records not previously recorded, original minutes of town meetings, school attendance and grade books from 1857-1877, records of hundreds of local lawsuits, voter checklists from 1850 and following years, jury lists, numerous copies of the Canaan Reporter containing tax sale notices, many deeds, personal mortgages, maps, photos, and state election guidelines. Another large collection of town documents has also been turned over to Gary for his research. Gary has cleaned all the documents from both of these important collections, and he has placed them in plastic sleeves and manila folders by year. They will eventually be placed in binders in chronological order and stored in the document vault at the Town House.

Gary has been researching and recording the genealogy of every family that has lived in Orange from 1773-1970. He has created a folder for each family with family records along with photos and deeds where possible. He has gone through tax books to record land transfers, land sales, and accounting of animals. He has researched and recorded the

small pox epidemic of 1780 and the diphtheria epidemic of 1864-65. School grade books indicated the deaths of students, and the fact that schools were closed to prevent the epidemic from spreading. Gary is also compiling an inventory of the old cellar holes throughout Orange, and he has measured, sketched, and photographed many of them over the past several months.

Gary plans to put all of his research and recordings together in a comprehensive History of Orange. You can help in this exciting endeavor by sharing any family, Orange, or Mount Cardigan memorabilia with Gary. The Commission is interested in obtaining anything related to the history of our community.

The future plans for the Orange Historical Panels Project include the creation of more panels, workshops for school and community groups, field trips to local historical sites, and a social gathering at the Town House to view the recently discovered historical documents. Financial contributions to support the work of the Commission are always welcome.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Proulx, Chair*



*Schoolhouse No. 1, Cardigan Mountain Road, circa 1890
Children of Flanders, Terrill, Sanborn, and Jameson families*

ORANGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

This year has been a productive and proactive year for the Orange Conservation Commission as the commission continues to provide its service to the Town of Orange. The Commission has continued to build its map inventory in support of conservation projects. In July the Commission purchased a map drawer from the Cardigan Mountain Art Association to store Orange Conservation Maps. These maps are available for the public to view and can be accessed upon request. In addition, the OCC chair has been attending monthly Taking Action For Wildlife meetings provided to Towns within the Newfound Lake watershed. These meetings are a free service provided to the towns within the Newfound Lake Watershed by the University of NH Cooperative Extension. Orange has acquired two free to scale maps that outline the New Hampshire Wildlife Habitat Land Cover and Highest Wildlife Habitat by Ecological condition for the Town of Orange in support of developing Conservation Projects.

The Conservation Commission is committed to providing information and education to Orange land owners, and wanted to make sure that town residents are aware of the many services provided by the University of New Hampshire's Cooperative Extension's Grafton office. We've assembled a variety of pamphlets and publications that might be of interest to environmentally-minded land owners and home owners, from managing pests to heating with wood to choosing what native shrubs to use in landscaping — you can find them in the Town House outside the town clerk's office.

Additionally, each county extension office provides an extraordinary service for woodlot owners (even owners of a small lots with few trees): free on-site



consulting from the county forester. In Grafton County, that forester is Dave Falkenham. You can contact him through the extension office in Haverhill or through his direct e-mail, below.

UNH Cooperative Extension / Grafton County
Box 5
3855 Dartmouth College Highway
North Haverhill, NH 03774
(603) 787-6944
<http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Grafton/Grafton.htm>
Direct email for county forester Dave Falkenham:
dave.falkenham@unh.edu

In May the OCC obtained free tree saplings (Black Walnut, White Spruce and Norway Spruce) from the State of New Hampshire and planted a variety of 2,000 +/- trees in the Clear Cut on the northeast side of Mt. Cardigan State Forest. This event has become an annual event and the OCC will once again dedicate their time to assisting with reforesting areas that have been logged within Mt. Cardigan State Forest. We are planning this event for May 2011 and are looking for volunteers that are interested in supporting these efforts.

The OCC meeting minutes, events, general information, and conservation map inventory are posted on the NH Association of Conservation Commissions website:
<http://nhacc.org/commissions/orange>

The OCC maintains this website service for the Town of Orange monthly and can also be reached at the following email address:
orangeconservationcommssion@hotmail.com

*Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lurgio – Chair
Dorothy Heinrichs – Vice Chair
Rosemary Haness – Secretary/Treasurer
Members: Kip Riley, Jay Hienrichs, David Stacey,
Jim Collins, Edith Sova, and Charlie Sova.*

Moose calf near New Colony Road in Cardigan State Forest

TOWN OF ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT 2010

Now starting our 18th year of supporting graduating seniors from our town, we are so pleased to welcome The Friends of Orange to our financial partnership this year. This group organized a Harvest Festival in October with local vendors, raffles, food sale, and music provided by Scott Sanborn. The proceeds this year were donated to the Scholarship Fund. This successful event was enjoyed by all and will hopefully become an annual event to support other Town projects.

The committee meets during the summer to review and plan our fund raising activities. We rely on Canaan Old Home Days in August to provide us with a customer base for any products that we put together. In past years, canning jars filled with dry ingredients ready mixed for crock and soup meals, pancakes and desserts were excellent sellers and a welcome addition to many home pantries. We also coordinate and set up the March pot-luck supper that precedes the Town Business Meeting at which we ask for donations toward the scholarship fund. We do not receive money from the town and are totally self-supporting, however, without the people of Orange, it would be very hard to meet our quota. So, Thank You All who have helped us, who rallied behind us, and who feel that our support of town graduates is important. We currently have \$6693.08 in this fund.

Applications and guidelines for applying will be mailed to each Mascoma High School senior in February, 2011. Students graduating from other school need to contact the scholarship committee after Town Meeting in March.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pauline Emerson, Rosemary Haness, Marilyn Johnson,
Nancy Pike, Barbara Smith, Edith Sova, Gloria Stevens,
Anita Watson, Pat White*

December 31, 2010

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We have awarded 17 scholarships thus far:

- 1995 – *Kimo Johnson* (Tuttle Hill Rd., planted American Liberty elm trees at Town House)
- 1996 – *Lauren Ludwig* (Tuttle Hill Rd., started town flower garden)
- 1997 – *Laura Desrochers* (Cardigan Mt. Rd.)
- 1999 – *Darcy Decato* (Eastman Rd., cleaned Town House)
Kristen Eastman (Eastman Rd., typed candle song for our Christmas parties)
- 2000 – *Ben Stacy* (Tuttle Hill Rd., assisted with BSA Hike-a-Thon)
- 2002 – *Tony Campe* (Cardigan Mt. Rd., roadside clean-up)
Heidi Burns (Cross Rd.)
- 2003 – *Ryan Morancy* (Cardigan Mt. Rd., designed a poster for our Bake Sales)
- 2004 – *James Cross* (Rt. 4, worked at Recycling Center)
Josh Watson (Cross Rd., worked at Recycling Center)
- 2005 – (unclaimed)
- 2006 – *Hillary Adams* (Eastman Rd., MVRHS Future Business Leaders of America project)
- 2007 – *Lyz Hazelton* (Tuttle Hill Rd., created gallery identification cards for art work in Town House)
Krystle Sexton (Tuttle Hill Rd., roadside clean up)
- 2009 – *Matt Jones* (New Colony Rd., raked, re-seeded & fertilized around Town House and flag pole area under the direction of the Road Agent)
Eric Sanborn (Peaslee Rd., swept sand off of bridges, trimmed brush to improve line of sight along roadways, picked up fallen trees under the direction of the Road Agent)
- 2010 – *Joseph Daley* (Tuttle Hill Rd., helped sell at Old Home Days)

AUDITOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2010

We extend our thanks once again to the Town Officials for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the 2010 audit. Their time and effort is most appreciated. In light of the new audit forms and the requirements of the Department of Revenue, we have a few recommendations as a result of the audit. We appreciate the patience of the Town Officials as we worked through the new forms and processes for this year's audit.

First, we would like to thank the Selectmen for following through on our recommendation from last year regarding the balancing process between their office and the Town Treasurer. This year the two offices balanced to the penny and the reconciliation process was much less time consuming for the Auditors. We appreciate their effort.

We are recommending the Selectmen look into the need for a general ledger system for the Town. The new audit forms include a section for General Ledger/Financial Records. The questions throughout this section of the report consistently reference the general ledger. A general ledger would track all the Town's activities in one place and produce trial balances whereby debits would equal credits each month and at the close of the fiscal year.

Per RSA 41:9 VII we are recommending the Selectmen adopt an investment policy for the Town and communicate said policy with the Treasurer. This policy should be in writing and reviewed and documented in the minutes on an annual basis.

Per RSA 41:29 VI "the treasurer may delegate the deposit function to other town officials provided such delegation is in writing and includes written procedures acceptable to the selectmen." Since this function is being delegated to other town officials, we are recommending the Selectmen establish a written policy and procedures for the process.

The audit forms indicate the monthly reconciliation of the Town's bank accounts should be signed by the Treasurer as well as by a secondary

person. To satisfy this portion of the audit, we are recommending the Treasurer sign the monthly reconciliation of bank statements and forward a copy to the Selectmen for review. At least one of the Selectmen should review and sign the reconciliation each month. Documentation of the review should be available to the auditors.

When adjusting journal entries are required, we are recommending the Selectmen document the entry. They should all sign it as they would if they were producing a voucher for payment. It would also be prudent to have the entry documented in the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting.

All of the Town's accounts balanced to the Treasurer. In our opinion, the Treasurer's report accurately reflects the financial position of the Town of Orange for the year ending December 31, 2010.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine A. Ells, Bruce E. Ells
Auditors, Town of Orange*



*Charles Hubbard Ford and his wife N. Finnett (Shattuck)
at their home on Orange Pond.*

POLICE COVERAGE REPORT

Since November 1, 2010 the State Police have responded to the Town of Orange 23 times. The breakdown of the calls that I can provide you with are:

- 10 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 2 911 Hang-up calls
- 3 Burglar Alarms
- 6 Misc. Calls for Service
- 1 Welfare Check
- 1 Misc.

Submitted to the Select Board by:

Lt. Todd Landry
New Hampshire State Police- Troop F
549 Route 302 West
Twin Mtn., NH 03595
Tel. # 603-223-8861



*Rufus Bryant circa 1920
Constable in the town of Orange*

HIGH SPEED INTERNET IN ORANGE

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Broadband

January 28, 2011

An ad hoc committee of Orange residents has been investigating options for high speed internet access. Many residents conduct business from home and require reliable high speed connections for their work; others would like better options for personal use.

Broadband has become critical as a growing number of websites assume their users have high-speed connections. Television services are being brought online. Shopping increasingly uses broadband; while retail activity in stores declined by 2% in 2010, shopping on the Internet increased by 17%. Demand among Orange residents for broadband is likely to grow as we see surrounding towns get access, and as friends and relatives elsewhere take advantage of the technology.

We explored services currently available to Orange, as well as those that might become available in the near future. While more than 70 companies provide broadband in the state, only three offer practical, affordable service to Orange. They include WildBlue, WaveComm, and Verizon's 3G network (see below).

Several providers serve neighboring towns but not Orange:

- Fairpoint provides DSL service to Canaan and Grafton, and might be persuaded to come to our town.
- Comcast has cable service to Canaan but has no plans for Orange. Company representatives told us that the return on investment is too low when the population density falls below five households per mile.
- The Fastroads fiber system, providing state of the art fiber optic cable, will pass through Canaan. The plan is to allow private-sector providers to tap into that fiber, either stringing fiber cable to Orange or, much more likely, transmitting wifi signals.

Residents of Orange can take three immediate steps to extend broadband coverage. We don't believe these steps are mutually exclusive; residents should be given a choice of broadband, and competition should keep prices down.

1. Begin a coordinated campaign to lobby Fairpoint to extend DSL service to Orange. A petition, containing names, addresses and phone numbers, may be the most effective means.
2. Have our state representatives look into cutting the logjam over WaveComm's installation of a two-foot-diameter dish on Cardigan (see below for details).
3. Register on www.iwantbroadbandnh.org. The site, run by UNH in cooperation with nine state regional planning agencies, is mapping an inventory of existing and planned broadband assets, as well as a view of locations in New Hampshire where coverage is inadequate or absent. Active interest in broadband increases the chance of future investment in Broadband here.

Over the longer term:

4. Ask our state representatives to explore the ramifications of the Fastroads fiber system for Orange, while exploring the possibilities for applying for federal stimulus funds and other help.

If you are interested in the work of this committee, please contact Dorothy Heinrichs. We will continue to research broadband options for Orange, and will report back.

Broadband Providers
(* = currently available in parts of Orange)

Comcast cable 877-424-2028 www.comcast.com

Steve Fitzgibbons, government relations, 413-730-4513

Richard Landof, local construction manager,

Richard_landof@cable.comcast.com

How it works: Comcast is a cable provider, offering television and internet over a cable strung to your building.

Cost: \$42-117 per month

Upload speeds: 300K to 10 megabytes per second, depending on the plan

Download speeds: 1.5 to 50 megabytes per second, depending on the plan

Data limit: 250 gigabytes per month

Advantages: Very fast and reliable; not weather dependent. No equipment needs installation outside the building, once cable is strung.

Disadvantages: Currently not available in Orange, though much of Canaan (including the police and fire station on 118) has service.

Status: Comcast currently doesn't serve our area, and has no plans to.

What you can do: Very little at this point, though contacting company representatives might help.

Fairpoint DSL 866-984-2001 www.fairpoint.com

How it works: DSL works over existing phone lines to carry data as well as voice. You would be given a startup kit and fairly simple installation instructions.

Cost: \$21-50 per month, plus modem and activation fee

Upload speeds: Unclear. Fairpoint advertises 768K to 15M per second, depending on the plan. But Orange's distance from a Fairpoint central office probably means considerably lower speeds in actuality.

Download speeds: Probably faster, but Fairpoint is unclear about this because of Orange's remote location.

Data limit: Unlimited

Advantages: Inexpensive, fast and reliable; though slower than cable, DSL is faster than the other options. No equipment needs installation outside your building.

Disadvantages: We won't know about speeds until Fairpoint comes and installs equipment.

Status: Fairpoint has no plans to install DSL in Orange.

What you can do: Call Fairpoint at the number above. Ask if your house can receive DSL; when the customer service representative says you're not covered, request coverage. Fairpoint says that it will expand service to a neighborhood when the company receives a "cluster of requests."

*Verizon MiFi Verizon Wireless Store, West Lebanon

How it works: The MiFi 2200, a device slightly larger than a credit card, serves as a mobile wifi hotspot. You can connect several computers or other devices to it simultaneously. The MiFi uses Verizon's 3G network, also used by Verizon smartphones.

Cost: \$20-80 per month

Upload speeds: 500K per second (measured at the Heinrichs home)

Download speeds: 800K per second (measured at the Heinrichs home)

Data limit: 1-10 gigabytes per month, depending on the plan

Advantages: Extremely easy to use, no wires needed except to

recharge. Just hit the "on" button and wait a few seconds for it to connect.

Disadvantages: Small data limit; relatively slow; coverage can be iffy if you live in the woods or in a valley. (Verizon has a return policy if the thing fails to work for you.)

Status: Verizon is upgrading its system to what it calls a 4G network, with considerably faster speeds (and more expensive plans). We didn't contact people in the company to see what they were building in our area. Right now, 3G is the only option.

What you can do: Go to the Verizon store in West Lebanon.

*WaveComm wifi 603-298-9000 www.wavecomm.com

How it works: WaveComm taps into a fiber optic network and sends the data by radio waves using 802.11 wifi broadband. A small (12-inch diameter) dish is installed outside the home or office, with a wire run inside. Your computer or router connects to a three-inch device inside.

Cost: \$40 per month residential, \$70 per month business; a year's worth must be prepaid

Upload speeds: 500K per second (measured at the Heinrichs home)

Download speeds: 1+ megabit per second (measured at the Heinrichs home)

Data limit: None

Advantages: Relatively low cost, no installation fee, unlimited data, small dish, always on, local service that answers the phone and responds quickly

Disadvantages: Currently only serves part of Orange (see below).

Some residents have not been satisfied with their service.

Status: According to Gina Jacobson at WaveComm, the company has been trying to get state permission to put a small (two-foot-diameter) transceiver up on Cardigan. This would enable considerable coverage for Orange, even though a receiver has to be within line of sight of a WaveComm transmitter. The company plans to install small access points throughout the town for those people who don't have a view of the Cardigan summit.

The Cardigan dish would either use the existing summit solar panel for power or would install its own, identical panel if the state required it. The holdup is with the state Transportation Department, which expressed concerns that the transceiver might interfere with the department's UHF radio system on the summit. This is technically impossible, since WaveComm's equipment would operate on a paid 3.65 gigahertz frequency, nowhere near the state's radio frequency.

Although it's based in West Lebanon, most of WaveComm's current business is in Vermont, in part because the company installed a dish on top of Mt. Ascutney. WaveComm has received several federal grants to bring broadband to parts of Vermont. It has received none for New Hampshire. Nonetheless, if the company received permission, it would install its equipment on Cardigan immediately.

The Broadband Committee plans to contact Transportation and our state legislators to try to break the backlog.

What you can do: If you're interested in getting the service, contact WaveComm directly. They'll send a technician out to see whether the company's existing transceivers are in sight of your place. In addition, email Dorothy if you'd like to stay posted on developments with the Cardigan summit.

*WildBlue satellite 877-358-0154 www.get.wildblue.com

Cost: \$56 to \$86 per month, plus one-time charge of \$25.

Upload speeds: 128K to 256K per second (maximum), depending on your plan

Download speeds: 512K to 1.5 megabites per second (maximum), depending on your plan. (Download speeds at the Heinrichs home averaged 800K for the most expensive plan.)

Data limit: 7.5 to 17 gigabytes per month, depending on your plan.

How it works: WildBlue installs a satellite dish outdoors at your place, facing south. The dish receives signals from satellites, and transmits signals from your home over phone lines. A cable is run from the dish to a router and then to your computer.

Advantages: Fastest download speeds of any currently available option

Disadvantages: Fairly expensive; slow upload speeds; data limits; large dish; service highly variable; weather or heavy clouds can interrupt service; some residents have not been satisfied with their service.

Status: WildBlue can install the equipment within the week, normally.

What you can do: Call the 800 number and have your credit card ready.

*Submitted by Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs, Chair
dheinrichs@vermontlaw.edu 523-4514*

**TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2010**

ARTICLE 1: Election of Town Officers and school officers and ballot questions were held on March 9, 2010 at the Orange Town House from 11am to 7pm.

Danny Hazelton reopened the Town Meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Moderator, Danny Hazelton, thanked all who turned out for the ballot election on Tuesday. Dan also thanked election officials. Dan also went over the rules of this evenings meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment

MOVED by Dick Jaeger, SECOND by Bob Ells.

DISCUSSION: Sharon Proulx made a motion to amend the article. To remove "except for residents taxes" the Town no longer charges resident taxes. Amendment seconded by Charles Sova

VOTE TO ACCEPT AMMENDMENT: PASSED

VOTE AMMENDED ARTICLE: PASSED

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$31,537.76 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article

MOVED by Charles Sova, SECOND by Scott Sanborn

DISCUSSION: none

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,750.00 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

MOVED by Bob Proulx SECOND by Charles Sova

No discussion

VOTE: PASSED

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the 2006 vote that awards the Secretary to the Selectmen, \$10.00 per hour, and allow the Selectmen to grant compensation and increases on a merit basis.

MOVED by Scott Sanborn, SECOND by Pat Mercer

DISCUSSION: Charles Sova said that the vote in 2006 was based on a year long research committee, study of compensation, in like towns. Taking one position and changing it would throw off the balance of the pay schedule. In the spirit of fairness, Charlie made the following amendment to the article.

AMMENDMENT: to see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 5 Orange residents, none of whom shall be officers or employees , to study the salaries of the Town officers and

report their findings in the next Town Annual Report including a warrant article they deem appropriate. SECONDED by Bob Proulx. DISCUSSION of amendment: The moderator asked Jim Collins, the chair from the previous committee, how the pay scale was reached in 2005. Jim told the meeting that they called similar towns, plus Canaan and Dorchester, to see what officers were getting paid, they came up with a pay schedule recommendation. He does not think that a cost of living raise was built in at the time. Maybe there should be a way to visit the pay schedule from time to time.

Bob Proulx made a comment that his second of the amendment in no way reflects that the secretary does not deserve a raise, he hopes a complete study will be done and everyone will benefit from it. Jeanne Minasian asked what brought this to the attention of the Selectmen? Pat Mercer responded that they felt that the secretary has done so much for the Board this past year that they wanted to give her a raise. When they looked back they discovered that they did not have the authority to do so. Pat talked to the State and was told that Selectmen usually have the authority to pay their assistant what they feel is appropriate. They felt that this article would give them the ability to pay what they saw fit. Jeanne asked if the secretary is for the Town or the Selectmen? Pat Mercer stated that she is for the Selectmen. In this instance she is also the Town Clerk. These are two different entities. Kathy Stacy asked for a clarification, is this for the secretary and the Town Clerk? Pat Mercer said no it is not for the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk has separate stipend. Dick Jaeger feels that there should be a criteria for the Selectmen to give a "merit" raise. It shouldn't be an open ended figure. Jeanne Minasian asked where in the budget does it show what the secretaries salary is? Pat told her that it is included in officer's salaries. Kathy Stacy is concerned that the budget would be adversely affected by this vote in the future. Beth DiFrancesco made a point that she feels the secretary should get what she deserves, but, the words "at the discretion of the Selectmen" puts the Board in a bad position and could be dangerous. Dick Jaeger said that is exactly what he meant with the criteria of a merit raise. Bob Proulx said the budget committee, In anticipation of this article passing, increased the salary amount by \$500.00. Henry Minasian said that even though it is at the discretion of the Selectmen, based on the hours she has put in, the \$500.00 would go pretty quickly. Barbara Smith asked what the hourly pay was. She was told \$10.00 per hour. Jim Collins said if Charlie's amendment passed,

the committee would find that they have been paying the secretary incorrectly and that error could be corrected.

VOTE TO ACCEPT AMMENDMENT: PASSED

VOTE TO ACCEPT THE AMMENDED ARTICLE: PASSED

ARTICLE 6: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers and pass any vote relative thereto.

Danny Hazelton thanked all the people that worked with him over the years during the elections. He asked the people to give Beverly Ells a round of applause for her years as a Supervisor of the Check List, Beverly is retiring this year. Sharon Proulx thanked Bill Fulton for his years of service as Selectman, if asked for one word to describe him she would have to say "a gentleman". Bob Proulx also thanked Bill for his service in various positions in town. Kip Riley is stepping down from the Planning Board after many years. Bob also thanked two citizens who stepped in for two positions that people had resigned from. George White, who completed the year as Road Agent, and Charles Sova who completed the year as Treasurer.

Bob talked about refinishing the floor in the Town House. We have \$7,432.98 in the Town House Capital Reserve Fund. He has two estimates for this. One from Browns Hardwood from White River and Chad Michetti from Tug Mountain Road, Orange. The quotes were to cover Sanding floors in meeting hall and front hall to bare wood. Seal with four coats of poly. To be done in two phases. Browns came in at \$3,020.00. "The Sandman", which is Chad Michetti, came in at \$2,225.00 This figure included a community service discount of \$400.00. Bob has prepared a package with all this information for each of the Selectmen. He asked the Moderator for a non-binding vote to get the feeling of the town. Danny asked for a show of hands for Browns flooring, and a show of hands for "The Sandman". Charlie Sova made a point that there is \$4,500.00 in the Town House operating budget. Last year the Board took the money for the new steps out of the Capital Reserve Fund and didn't take anything out of the operating account He suggests that if the Selectmen decide to go forward with the floors that the Board use the operating budget. If the town needs to get the money out of the Capital Reserve Fund later it can.

Pat Mercer informed the town that the fire alarm is in operation. A Knox box was put on the outside of the building with keys for the Canaan Fire Department. Also, a box was mounted in the alcove for people to put papers in for the Selectmen and Town Clerk.

Jim Collins asked why the audit was not up to Oranges standards this year? Henry Minasian said there were problems with the spread sheet used this year. He talked with the auditors and some changes have been effected. He expects that a better job will be done this year. Jeanne Minasian questioned who approved the payment of the Police Chiefs estimated bill from August thru December. Pat Mercer said that she did. Andy's computer was down and he gave the bill in order to close out the year with no bill owed. Andy said that if he owed the town any money he would apply it to this year. Pat does not feel she should question his honesty. Linda Giner said Andy has been working without a contract for years, it is the Select Boards duty to make this problem of late bills go away. Pat said that Andy has given his bill for January and February and she has a date that she will get March's bill.

Dave Stacy showed a logo from the Conservation Commission. Henry suggested that it go on town correspondence as the town logo.

Gary Hamel showed the town a plaque to acknowledge Dave Johnson as the designer of the showcases of the paintings depicting town history done by Gary Hamel.

Gary also showed the towns people a map donated, by Bob and Beverly Ells, dated 1860 to the town.

Anita Garland asked for a moment of silence for Mary Rickson, who passed away a couple of month ago.

Dick Jaeger asked people to remember Jackie Lary who passed away this year.

*Town Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm
Minutes Respectfully Submitted
Patricia White, Orange Town Clerk*

VITAL STATISTICS 2010

Births:

Michael Cordell Wheeler, born July 27, 2010 at Concord, NH
parent: Carmen Cotting

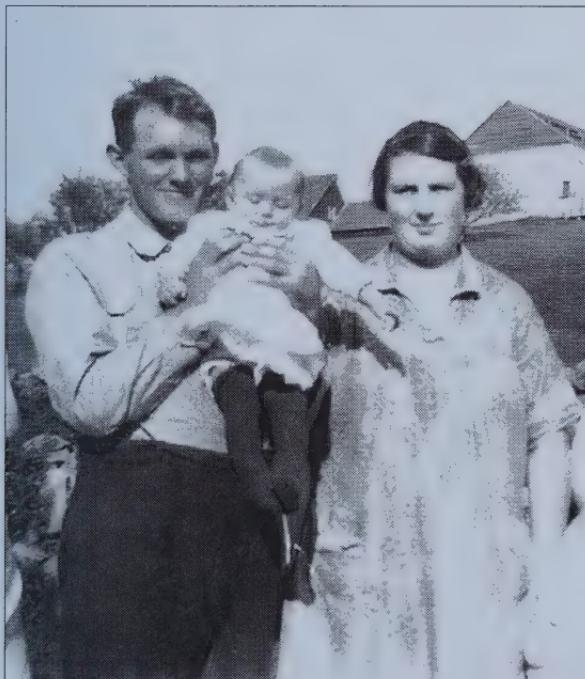
Marriages:

Arnold J. Gore of Orange, NH and Julie L. Wilson of Orange, NH
Married August 21, 2010 at Lebanon, NH

Deaths:

John Perrin, died August 23, 2010 at Lebanon, NH
Son of Maurice Perrin and Evelyn Minshul

Priscilla Neily, died December 9, 2010 at Orange, NH
Daughter of Leonard Ordway and Julia Prescott



*Walter and Alice (Eastman) Dimond with baby Jennie,
Eastman Farm, New Colony Road, 1926*

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